

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

FATIMA MOUJTAHID, on behalf of
herself and her minor child B.M.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP &
IMMIGRATION SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C18-1789RSM

ORDER RE: BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON
ISSUE OF THIRD PARTY PROTECTED
PRIVACY INFORMATION

This FOIA matter comes before the Court on the parties' joint request for a briefing schedule on the issue of "whether USCIS must produce third party protected privacy information without a waiver that it contends are protected by statute and/or exemption(s), and that Plaintiffs contend is in the public interest because the state litigation is a RICO action against alleged fraudulent practitioners of immigration law." Dkt. #32 at 2. The parties propose a briefing schedule that contemplates cross-motions on a dispositive issue. *Id.* However, the parties have given the Court no clear indication why cross-motions are necessary. The Court believes it would be most helpful to have USCIS brief why it believes this information is privileged and have Plaintiffs respond to these arguments. The Court therefore ORDERS the following briefing schedule:

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1 Defendants' Motion: January 31, 2020

2 Plaintiffs' Response: February 28, 2020

3 Defendants' Reply: April 3, 2020

4 If either party believes that the Court's resolution of this issue disposes of this case, they
5 may move for appropriate relief at that time.
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8 DATED this 25 day of November, 2019.
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11 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
12 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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